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SUBJECT: TROIKA OF SOVIET MINISTERS REPORTED TO HAVE VISITED
SURGUT OILFIELD

1. DONALD HARNSBERGER, MOSCOW REP FOR COOPER INDUSTRIES, TOLD COMATT JULY 11 THAT HE HAD BEEN APPRISED BY ONE OF HIS CLOSE SOVIET CONTACTS THAT SOVIET MINISTERS OF PETROLEUM INDUSTRY (MAL'TSEV, GAS INDUSTRY (ORUDZHEV) AND CONSTRUCTION OF PETROLEUM AND GAS INDUSTRY ENTERPRISES (SHCHERBINA) HAD VISITED SURGUT OILFIELD AS A GROUP DURING WEEK OF JULY 4. HARNSBERGER SAID HIS SOURCE TOLD HIM THAT OSTENSIBLE PURPOSE OF TRIP WAS TO GIVE HIGH LEVEL ATTENTION TO PROBLEMS STANDING IN WAY OF RAPID COMPLETION OF MUNICIPAL SERVICES, INCLUDING HOUSING, MEDICAL FACILITIES, SCHOOLS, ETC., IN SURGUT WHICH SERVES AS SUPPORT BASE FOR OILFIELD DEVELOPMENT IN REGION. SOURCE INTIMATED THAT WORK ON CITY HAD NOT BEEN KEEPING PACE WITH GROWING NEEDS OF OILFIELD WORKERS AND THEIR FAMILIES AND MINISTERS, THEREFORE, PAID JOINT VISIT IN ATTEMPT TO HASTEN PACE OF CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY.

2. COMMENT: SOVIETS ARE MEETING PROBLEMS IN DEVELOPMENT OF WEST SIBERIAN OIL/GAS FIELDS DUE TO DISTANCES INVOLVED, INHOSPITABLE CLIMATE AND TERRAIN, SUPPLY AND DISTRIBUTION DIFFICULTIES AND
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INSUFFICIENCIES OF INFRASTRUCTURE. GIVEN SENSE OF PRIORITY EVIDENT IN PRESS AND IN OUR CONVERSATIONS WITH RESPONSIBLE SOVIET OFFICIALS ON QUESTION OF OIL FIELD EXPLORATION AND DEVELOPMENT IN WESTERN SIBERIA, WE FIND THIS REPORT CREDIBLE EVEN THOUGH WE HAVE SEEN NO MENTION OF SUCH A VISIT IN THE PRESS. A RECENT PRESS ARTICLE SUGGESTS THAT URENGOY GAS FIELD FACES SIMILAR AS WELL AS OTHER SERIOUS PROBLEMS. (MOSCOW 10098).

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